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In the Application of:
Clausell, A. et al.

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For: **Reagents for Improved Cell-Based Assays**

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Atty Dkt. No.: 2055-181

Reply to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers

Hon. Director of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In Reply to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed November 30, 2001, Applicants respectfully submit the following:

1. Copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed November 30, 2001;
2. Corrected Drawings (11 sheets), comprising Figures: 1-5, 6A-6C, 7-9.
3. A Check in the amount of **\$1,350.00** for excess claims fees
4. Return Receipt Postcard.

No fee other is believed to be required for consideration of this Reply. In the event, however, that the Commissioner determines that a fee is required in connection with this submission, please accept this submission as providing a request for such extension, and as authorization for charging such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0548.

Having now fully responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Patent Application, Applicants respectfully submit that the present

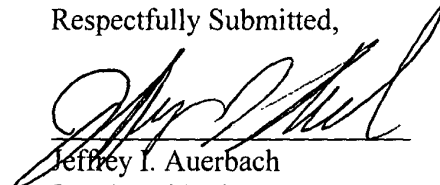
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application is in condition for Examination, and earnestly solicit early notice of favorable action. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below.

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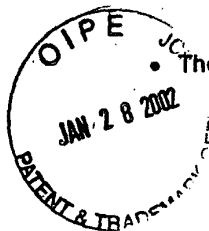


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The required items noted below SHOULD be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1350.
 - \$1350 for 75 total claims over 20.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1350.



NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below:

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch):

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